

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition comprising a solid support having deposited thereon a solid catalytically active material that is substantially insoluble in organic and aqueous liquid media, the solid catalytically active material consisting of at least one catalytically active anionic entity together with group ~~IIA-2~~ metal ions.
2. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solid catalytically active material is molecularly well defined.
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solid support includes external and pore surfaces, and pores that predominantly have a diameter greater than about 20 Å, and wherein the solid catalytically active material is deposited on the external and pore surfaces of the solid support, pores of which are predominantly of diameter greater than about 20 Å⁰.
4. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein pores of the solid support includes pores that have pore diameters ranging from about 3 –3000 Å⁰ Å.
5. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein, the solid support is a chemically inactive solid material.
6. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solid support is porous and is powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids.
7. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solid support is porous and is a ~~mechanically robust and thermally stable~~

solid, insoluble in reaction media selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is insoluble in reaction media selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solid catalytically active material is a thermally stable solid material having a melting point greater than 100⁰C.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solid support having deposited thereon the solid catalytically active material remains as a stable composite solid when used as a catalyst for gaseous in gas, liquid or and gas-liquid phases phase reactions.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 11 wherein the liquid phase is selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases and mixtures thereof containing reactants, products or promoters.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition remains as a physically stable composite solid when used as a catalyst for gaseous in gas or liquid phases phase reactions over a temperature range of -78 to 300⁰C.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition remains as a physically stable

composite solid when used as a catalyst for gaseous in gas or liquid phases-phase reactions over pressures ranging from 5 to 5000 psi.

15. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the group IIA-2 metal ion is a cation having +2 charge.

16. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the group IIA-2 metal is selected from the group consisting of calcium, strontium, barium and mixtures thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the group IIA-2 metal is selected individually independently or in combination with other group IIA-2 metals.

18. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is an anion having, overall, two or more negative charges.

19. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is individually independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metaloxoanions, polyoxometallates and combinations thereof.

20. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 19 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is a metal complex having a general formula



wherein M is a ~~catalytic~~ metal atom or ~~an ion of a coordination complex and is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 IIIB, IVA, VB, VIB, VIIIB, IIB and IIB of the periodic table of elements,~~ x ranges is ranging from 1 to 60, L is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic, aromatic and heterocyclic ligands eomounds

containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups individually independently selected from -SO₃⁻, -SO₂⁻, -PO₃²⁻, -COO⁻, -O⁻, AsO₃²⁻ and -S⁻, y is at least 1, L* is a ligand selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compounds containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group and z ranges is ranging from 0 to 7.

21. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 19 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is a quaternary compound having a general formula



wherein I = 4 for Y⁺ = N⁺, P⁺, As⁺; I = 3 for Y⁺ = S⁺ and R* is selected independently from alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and cycloalkyl bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of -SO₃⁻, -SO₂⁻, -PO₃²⁻, -COO⁻, -O⁻, AsO₃²⁻ and -S⁻, and Z is an anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordination complex anion.

22. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solid catalytically active material is deposited on the solid support along with at least one catalytically inert additive.

23. (Currently Amended) A heterogeneous-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 22 wherein the catalytically inert additive is an anion having two or more negative charges.

24. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 22 wherein the catalytically inert additive is an anion, which is independently selected from the group consisting of organic anions, inorganic anions and combinations thereof.

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 22 wherein the catalytically inert additive is selected from the group consisting of ligands ~~ligand compounds~~ that contain at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from -SO₃⁻, -SO₂⁻, -PO₃²⁻, -COO⁻, -O⁻, AsO₃²⁻ and -S⁻.

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein an amount of the catalytically active anionic entity employed is 40 % weight or less of the ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition.

27. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 22 wherein an amount of the catalytically inert additive employed is in the proportion of 0 to 200 weight % of the catalytically active anionic entity.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a film of high boiling liquid with a boiling point of less than 300°C deposited on the solid support.

30. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition comprising a solid support having deposited thereon a solid catalytically active material that is substantially insoluble in organic and aqueous liquid media, the solid catalytically active material consisting of at least one catalytically active anionic entity and at least one catalytically inactive anionic additive that are together with group ~~IIA-2~~ metal ions.

31. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid catalytically active material is molecularly well defined.

32. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid support includes external and pore surfaces, and pores that predominantly have a diameter greater than about 20 Å, and wherein the solid catalytically active material is deposited on the external and pore surfaces of the solid support, pores of which are predominantly of diameter greater than about 20 Å⁰.

33. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid support includes pores that of the solid support have pore diameters ranging from about 3 –3000 Å⁰ Å.

34. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid support is a chemically inactive solid material.

35. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid support is porous and is powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids.

36. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid support is porous and is a ~~mechanically robust and thermally stable solid, insoluble in reaction media selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases.~~

37. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is insoluble in reaction media selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases.

38. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid catalytically active material is a thermally stable solid material having a melting point greater than 100⁰C.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the solid support having deposited thereon the solid catalytically active material remains as a stable composite solid when used as a catalyst for gaseous in gas, liquid or and gas-liquid phases phase reactions.

41. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 40 wherein the liquid phase is selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases and mixtures thereof containing reactants, products or promoters.

42. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition remains as a physically stable composite solid when used as a catalyst in gaseous in gas or liquid phases phase reactions over a temperature range of -78 to 300⁰C.

43. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition remains as a physically stable composite solid when used as a catalyst in gaseous in gas or liquid phases phase reactions over pressures ranging from 5 to 5000 psi.

44. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the group IIA-2 metal ion is a cation having +2 charge.

45. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the group IIA-2 metal is selected from the groups consisting of calcium, strontium, barium and mixtures thereof.

46. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the group ~~IIA-2~~ metal is selected individually independently or in combination with other group ~~IIA-2~~ metals.

47. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is an anion having, overall, two or more negative charges.

48. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein the catalytically active anionic entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metallocyanions, polyoxometallates and combinations thereof.

49. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein an amount of the catalytically active anionic entity employed is 40 % weight or less of the catalyst.

50. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 wherein an amount of the catalytically inactive anionic inert additive employed is 0 to 200 weight % of the catalytically active anionic entity.

51. (Canceled)

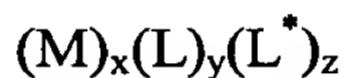
52. (Currently Amended) A ~~heterogeneous~~-catalytic composition as claimed in claim 30 further comprising a film of high boiling liquid with boiling point of less than 300°C deposited on the solid support.

53. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a catalytically active solid composition comprising a solid support, said process comprising reacting interacting a solution consisting of a catalytically inactive additive and a catalytically active entity with a solution of group ~~IIA-2~~ metal cation and obtaining a precipitate,

wherein the catalytically inactive additive is independently selected from the group consisting of anions having at least two or more negative charges, ligands ~~ligand compounds~~ containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, and olefin that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from -SO_3^- , -SO_2^- , -PO_3^{2-} , -COO^- , -O^- , AsO_3^{2-} and -S^- , and combinations thereof;

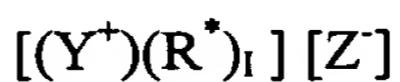
wherein the catalytically active entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metal oxo anions, polyoxometallates and combinations thereof,

wherein the metal complexes have a general formula



wherein M is a ~~catalytic~~ metal atom or ~~an ion of a coordination complex and is a transition metal~~ selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 ~~IIIIB, IVB, VB, VIB, VIIIB, IB and IIB~~ of the periodic table of elements, x ranges is ranging from 1 to 60, L is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic, aromatic and heterocyclic ligands ~~compounds~~ containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from -SO_3^- , -SO_2^- , -PO_3^{2-} , -COO^- , -O^- , AsO_3^{2-} and -S^- , y is at least 1, L^* is a ligand selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compounds containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group, z ranges is ranging from 0 to 7 and

wherein the quaternary ammonium compound has a general formula



wherein, I = 4 for $Y^+ = N^+, P^+, As^+$; I = 3 for $Y^+ = S^+$ and R^{*} is selected independently from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and cycloalkyl bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_2^-$, $-PO_3^{2-}$, $-COO^-$, $-O^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-S^-$ and Z is an anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordination complex anion; and

wherein the group II A₂ metal cation is selected from the group consisting of compounds of Ca^+ , Sr^+ and Ba^+ Ca^{+2} , Sr^{+2} and Ba^{+2} .

54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 53 wherein an amount of the catalytically active entity employed is 40 % weight or less of the catalytically active composition.

56. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 53 wherein an amount of the catalytically inactive inert-additive employed is in the proportion of 0 to 200 weight % of the catalytically active entity.

57. (Canceled)

58. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 53 wherein a film of high boiling liquid having a boiling point of less than 300°C is deposited on the catalytically active composition.

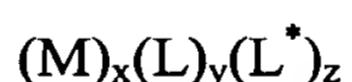
59. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a heterogeneous catalytic formulation as a solid composite comprised of a porous solid support having deposited thereon a catalytically active solid, said process comprising suspending the porous solid support in a liquid phase in which the porous solid support is insoluble to form a suspension, simultaneously adding to the suspension a solution of a catalytically inert additive, and a catalytically active entity and a solution of group II A₂ metal cation with sufficient vigorous agitation to maintain a suspension, and allowing to age for 1 to 48 hours,

wherein the porous solid support is a mechanically robust and thermally stable solid in reaction media selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases, has a mean pore diameter in the range of about 3-3000 Å and is in a form of powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids,

wherein the catalytically inert additive is independently selected from the group consisting of anions having at least two or more negative charges including comprising organic anions, inorganic anions, or a compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of -SO₃⁻, -SO₂⁻, -PO₃²⁻, -COO⁻, -O⁻, AsO₃²⁻ and -S⁻,

wherein the catalytically active entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metallocxoanions, polyoxometallates and combinations,

wherein the metal complexes have a general formula



wherein M is a ~~catalytic~~-metal atom or an ion of a coordination complex and is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 ~~III B, IV B, V B, VI B, VII B, II B and I B~~ of the periodic table of elements, x ranges is ranging from 1 to 60, L is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic, aromatic and heterocyclic ligands compounds containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from -SO₃⁻, -SO₂⁻, -PO₃²⁻, -COO⁻, -O⁻, AsO₃²⁻ and -S⁻, y is at least 1,

L^* is a ligand selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compounds containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group, z ranges is ranging from 0 to 7, and

wherein the quaternary ammonium compound has a general formula



wherein, I = 4 for $Y^+ = N^+, P^+, As^+$; I = 3 for $Y^+ = S^+$ and R^* is selected independently from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and cycloalkyl bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_2^-$, $-PO_3^{2-}$, $-COO^-$, $-O^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-S^-$, and Z is an anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordination complex anion and

wherein the group II A₂ metal cation is selected from the group consisting of compounds of Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} and Ba^{2+} .

60. (Canceled)

61. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 59 wherein the solution of the group II A₂ metal cation is selected from the group consisting of form-aqueous, water miscible organic and mixtures thereof.

62. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 59 wherein the solution of catalytically inert additive and catalytically active entity and the solution of group II A₂ metal cation are added simultaneously over a period of 10 to 1500 min.

63. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 59 wherein the solid composite is recovered by centrifugation, decantation or gravity settling, and is solids are dried subsequently in a vacuum.

64. - 87. (Canceled).

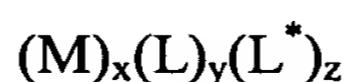
88. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a heterogeneous catalytic formulation as a solid composite comprised of a porous solid support having deposited thereon a catalytically active solid, said process comprising impregnating the porous solid support with a catalytically active entity and a catalytically inert additive followed by drying to obtain a dried porous solid support, adding the dried porous solid support having deposited thereon the catalytically active entity and the catalytically inert additive to a solution of a group IIA_2 metal compound with simultaneous agitation, and aging the suspension for 1 to 48 hours with agitation,

wherein the porous solid support is a mechanically robust and thermally stable solid in reaction media selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases, has a mean pore diameter in the range of about 3-3000- \AA^0 and is in a form of powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids and

wherein the catalytically inert additive is independently selected from the group consisting of anions having at least two or more negative charges including comprising organic anions, inorganic anions, or a compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_2^-$, $-\text{PO}_3^{2-}$, $-\text{COO}^-$, $-\text{O}^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-\text{S}^-$;

wherein the catalytically active entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metal oxo anions and polyoxometallates and combinations thereof,

wherein the metal complexes have a general formula



wherein M is a catalytic metal atom or an ion of coordination complex and is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 ~~III B, IV B, V B, VI B, VII B, I B and II B~~ of the periodic table of elements, x ranges is from 1 to 60, L is an aliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic ligand compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of -SO₃⁻, -SO₂⁻, -PO₃²⁻, -COO⁻, -O⁻, AsO₃²⁻ and -S⁻, y is at least 1, L* is a ligand selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group, z ranges is from 0 to 7 and

wherein the quaternary ammonium compound has a general formula



wherein I = 4 for Y⁺ = N⁺, P⁺, As⁺; I = 3 for Y⁺ = S⁺ and R* is selected independently from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and or cycloalkyl bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from -SO₃⁻, -SO₂⁻, -PO₃²⁻, -COO⁻, -O⁻, AsO₃²⁻ and -S⁻ and Z is an anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion or coordination complex anion, and

wherein the group IIA-2 metal cation is selected from the group consisting of compounds of Ca²⁺, Sr²⁺ and Ba²⁺.

89. (Canceled)

90. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 88 wherein the solution of the group IIA-2 compound includes a solvent that is aqueous, water miscible organic or a mixture thereof.

91. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 88 wherein the porous solid support having deposited thereon the catalytically active entity and the catalytically inert additive is added to the solution of group IIA-2 metal compound, with simultaneous agitation, over a period of 10 to 1500 min.

92. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 88 wherein the solid composite is recovered by centrifugation, decantation, or gravity settling, and is solids are dried subsequently in a vacuum.

93. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a heterogeneous catalytic formulation as a solid composite comprised of a porous solid support having deposited thereon a catalytically active solid, said process comprising impregnating the porous solid support with a solution of a catalytically inactive additive and a catalytically active entity, followed by drying and suspending the porous solid support having deposited thereon the catalytically inactive additive and the catalytically active entity in a water immiscible solvent and adding a solution of group IIA-2 metal compound with vigorous agitation sufficient to maintain a suspension, and concurrent removal of low boiling or azeotropic fraction of solvent, and aging the suspension for 1 to 48 hours, and removal of low boiling or azeotropic fraction of solvent,

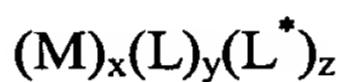
wherein the porous solid support is a mechanically robust and thermally stable solid in reaction media selected from organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases, has a mean pore diameter in the range of about $70\text{-}3000\text{-}\text{\AA}^0$ and is in a form of powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids and

wherein the catalytically inactive additive is independently selected from the group consisting of anions having at least two or more negative charges including comprising organic anions, inorganic anions, or a compound containing at least one substituent from O,

N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from -SO_3^- , -SO_2^- , -PO_3^{2-} , -COO^- , -O^- , AsO_3^{2-} and -S^- ,

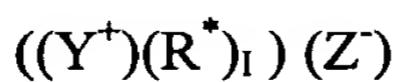
wherein the catalytically active entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metal oxo anions and polyoxometallates and combinations thereof,

wherein the metal complexes have a general formula



wherein M is a ~~catalytic~~-metal atom or an-ion of coordination complex and is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 ~~HIB, IVB, VB, VIB, VIIIB, IB and HB~~ of the periodic table of elements, x ranges is from 1 to 60, L is an aliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic ligand compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of -SO_3^- , -SO_2^- , -PO_3^{2-} , -COO^- , -O^- , AsO_3^{2-} and -S^- , y is at least 1, L^* is a ligand selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group, z is from 0 to 7, and

wherein the quaternary ammonium-compound has a general formula



wherein, I = 4 for $Y^+ = \text{N}^+$, P^+ , As^+ ; I = 3 for $Y^+ = \text{S}^+$ and R* is selected independently from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and or-cycloalkyl

bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of -SO_3^- , -SO_2^- , -PO_3^{2-} , -COO^- , -O^- , AsO_3^{2-} and -S^- and Z is anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and or coordination complex anion, and

wherein the group IIA-2 metal compound is selected from compounds that include of Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} and Ba^{2+} .

94. (Canceled)

95. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 93 wherein a solvent employed to form a solution of the group IIA-2 metal compound is aqueous, water miscible organic or a mixture thereof.

96. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 93 wherein the water immiscible organic solvent has a boiling point in a range of 40 to 200 °C.

97. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 93 wherein the solid composite is recovered by centrifugation, decantation or gravity settling, and is solids are dried subsequently in a vacuum.

98. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a heterogeneous catalytic formulation as a solid composite comprising depositing a group IIA-2 metal compound on a porous solid support followed by drying and suspending the porous solid support having deposited thereon the group IIA-2 metal compound in a water immiscible solvent to which a solution of a catalytically active entity and a catalytically inactive additive is added with vigorous-agitation sufficient to maintain a suspension, and concurrent-removal of low boiling or azeotropic fraction of solvent, and aging the suspension for 1 to 48 hours,

wherein the porous solid support is a mechanically robust and thermally stable solid in reaction media selected from the group consisting of organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases, has a mean pore diameter in the range of about 3-

3000- \AA^0 and is in a form of powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids and wherein the catalytically inactive additive is independently selected from the group consisting of anions having at least two or more negative charges ~~including comprising~~ organic anions, inorganic anions, and or a compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_2^-$, $-\text{PO}_3^{2-}$, $-\text{COO}^-$, $-\text{O}^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-\text{S}^-$; wherein the catalytically active entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metal oxo anions and polyoxometallates and combinations thereof, wherein the metal complexes have a general formula $(\text{M})_x(\text{L})_y(\text{L}^*)_z$ wherein M is a ~~catalytic~~-metal atom or an ion of coordination complex and is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 ~~HIB, IVB, VB, VIB, VIIIB, IB and HB~~ of the periodic table of elements, x ranges is from 1 to 60, L is an aliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic ligand ~~compound~~ containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_2^-$, $-\text{PO}_3^{2-}$, $-\text{COO}^-$, $-\text{O}^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-\text{S}^-$, y is at least 1, L^* is a ligand selected from organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy,

alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group, z ranges is from 0 to 7, and

wherein the quaternary ammonium compound has a general formula



wherein $I = 4$ for $Y^+ = N^+, P^+, As^+$; $I = 3$ for $Y^+ = S^+$; and R^* is selected independently from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and/or cycloalkyl bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_2^-$, $-PO_3^{2-}$, $-COO^-$, $-O^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-S^-$, and Z is anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and/or coordination complex anion and

wherein the group II A-2 metal compound is selected from compounds that include of Ca^{+2} , Sr^{+2} and Ba^{+2} .

99. (Canceled)

100. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 98 wherein a solvent employed to form a solution of the group II A-2 metal compound is aqueous, water miscible organic or a mixture thereof.

101. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 98 wherein the water immiscible organic solvent has a boiling point in a range of 40 to 200 °C.

102. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 98 wherein the solid composite is recovered by centrifugation, decantation, or gravity settling, and is solids are dried subsequently in a vacuum.

103. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a heterogeneous catalytic formulation as a solid composite comprising fluidizing a porous solid support in a flow of gases and spraying a solution of a catalytically active entity and a catalytically inert additive such that the catalytically active entity and the catalytically inert additive are

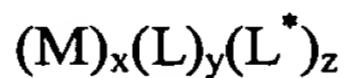
deposited on the porous solid support, wherein the fluidizing is continued for 1 to 48 hours, and subsequently spraying a solution of a group ~~IIA-2~~ metal compound, and fluidizing is further continued for 1 to 48 hours, and recovering solids,

wherein the porous solid support is a ~~mechanically robust and thermally stable solid in reaction media selected from the group consisting of~~ organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases, has a mean pore diameter in the range of about 70-3000 \AA^0 and is in a form of powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids and

wherein the catalytically inert additive is independently selected from the group consisting of anions having at least two or more negative charges ~~including comprising~~ organic anions, inorganic anions, ~~and~~ or a compound containing at least one radical from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_2^-$, $-\text{PO}_3^{2-}$, $-\text{COO}^-$, $-\text{O}^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-\text{S}^-$;

wherein the catalytically active entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metal oxo anions and polyoxometallates and combinations thereof,

wherein the metal complexes have a general formula



wherein M is a ~~catalytic~~ metal atom or an ion of coordination complex and is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 ~~IIIIB, IVB, VB, VIB, VIIIB, IIB and HB~~ of the periodic table of elements, x ranges is from 1 to 60, L is an aliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic ligand compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl,

arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_2^-$, $-PO_3^{2-}$, $-COO^-$, $-O^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-S^-$, y is at least 1, L^+ is a ligand selected from organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group, z ranges is from 0 to 7, and

wherein the quaternary ammonium compound has a general formula



wherein I = 4 for $Y^+ = N^+, P^+, As^+$; I = 3 for $Y^+ = S^+$ and R^* is selected independently from alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and or cycloalkyl bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_2^-$, $-PO_3^{2-}$, $-COO^-$, $-O^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-S^-$, and Z is an anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and or coordination complex anion, and

wherein the group IIA-2 metal compound includes a cation selected from Ca^{+2} , Sr^{+2} and Ba^{+2} .

104. (Cancelled)

105. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 103 wherein the solvent employed to form a solution of the group IIA-2 metal compound is aqueous, water miscible organic or a mixture thereof.

106. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a heterogeneous catalytic formulation as a solid composite comprising tumbling a porous solid support in a rotating pan under a flow of gases, spraying a solution of a catalytically active entity and a catalytically inert additive such that the catalytically active entity and the catalytically inert additive are deposited on the porous solid support, the tumbling continuing for 1 to 48 hours,

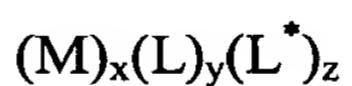
and subsequently spraying a solution of a group ~~IIA-2~~ metal compound, and then tumbling is further continued for 1 to 48 hours, and solids are recovered,

wherein the porous solid support is a ~~mechanically robust and thermally stable solid in reaction media selected from the group consisting of~~ organic, aqueous, fluorous, non-aqueous ionic liquids and supercritical fluid phases, has a mean pore diameter in the range of about 70-3000- \AA^0 and is in a form of powder, granules, flakes or pellets of regular or irregular shapes, sheets, monolith, ropes or woven fabric of fibrous solids and

wherein the catalytically inert additive is independently selected from the group consisting of anions having at least two or more negative charges ~~including comprising~~ organic anions, inorganic anions, and/or a compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_2^-$, $-\text{PO}_3^{2-}$, $-\text{COO}^-$, $-\text{O}^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-\text{S}^-$;

wherein the catalytically active entity is independently selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, quaternary compounds, metal oxo anions and polyoxometallates and combinations thereof,

wherein the metal complexes have a general formula



wherein M is a ~~catalytic~~-metal atom or an ion of coordination complex and is a transition metal selected from the group consisting of group 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 ~~IIIIB, IVB, VB, VIB, VIIIB, IIB and IIB~~ of the periodic table of elements, x ranges is from 1 to 60, L is an aliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic ligand compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl,

arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_2^-$, $-PO_3^{2-}$, $-COO^-$, $-O^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-S^-$, y is at least 1, L^* is a ligand selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and coordinating compound containing at least one substituent from O, N, S, Se, Te, P, As, Sb, Bi, Si, olefin, and carbene that have attached thereto an oxy, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, or cycloalkyl group, z ranges is from 0 to 7 and

wherein the quaternary ammonium compound has a general formula



wherein I = 4 for $Y^+ = N^+, P^+, As^+$; I = 3 for $Y^+ = S^+$ and R^* is selected independently from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, and or cycloalkyl bearing at least one or more negatively charged functional groups independently selected from the group consisting of $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_2^-$, $-PO_3^{2-}$, $-COO^-$, $-O^-$, AsO_3^{2-} and $-S^-$, and Z is anion selected from the group consisting of organic anion, inorganic anion and or coordination complex anion and

wherein the group HA-2 metal compound includes a cation selected from the group consisting of Ca^{+2} , Sr^{+2} and Ba^{+2} .

107. (Canceled)

108. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 106 wherein a solvent employed to form the solutions is aqueous, water miscible organic or a mixture thereof.

109. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 106 wherein the solutions are sprayed simultaneously or sequentially.

110. (Canceled).